<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend claims 1-5 and 9-11 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

a first input unit configured to input application data created by predetermined application software;

a second input unit configured to input print data, the print data being generated by converting the application data;

a registration unit configured to register <u>both</u> the application data and the print data <u>generated from the application data</u> in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the application data and the print data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually;

a transmitting unit configured to transmit data to an external apparatus;

a printing unit configured to ~~perform~~ print ~~processing~~ <u>an image on a sheet</u> based on <u>the print</u> data;

a designation unit configured to designate said transmitting unit or said printing unit as an output method of data;

<u>a scanning unit configured to scan a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;</u>

an index input unit configured <u>to analyze the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and</u> to input the specific index <u>corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code</u>; and

a selecting unit configured to select the application data, but not the print data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input unit in a case where the specific index is input by said index input unit and said transmitting unit is designated by said designation unit, and to select the print data, but not the application data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input unit in a case where said printing unit is designated by said designation unit; and

a control unit configured to control said transmitting unit to transmit the application data when said selecting unit selects the application data, and to control said printing unit to ~~perform~~ print ~~processing~~ an image on a sheet based on the print data when said selecting unit selects the print data.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein said printing unit prints an image obtained by synthesizing ~~information representing the index~~ the predetermined code and the print data input by said second input unit~~, and~~

~~wherein said index input unit selects the information representing the index by reading, by a reading device, the image which is obtained by synthesizing the information representing the index and the print data input by said second input unit and is printed by said printing unit.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the ~~information representing the index~~ predetermined code is expressed by a barcode.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the ~~information representing the index~~ predetermined code is expressed by a character string.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the ~~information representing the index~~ predetermined code is expressed by each character spacing in a predetermined character string.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein when the output method designated by said designation unit is printing by said printing unit, said selecting unit selects the print data and causes said printing unit to print an image based on the print data.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when the output method designated by said designation unit is transmission by said transmission unit, said selecting unit causes said transmission unit to transmit the application data.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the database is constructed by a terminal connected via a network.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

a first input step of inputting application data created by predetermined application software;

a second input step of inputting print data, to which the application data is converted, wherein the print data is image data of a predetermined format;

a registration step of registering <u>both</u> the application data and print data <u>generated from the application data</u> in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the application data and print data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually;

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus;

a printing step of ~~performing print processing~~ <u>printing an image on a sheet</u> based on <u>the print</u> data;

a designation step of designating said transmitting step or said printing step as an output method of data;

<u>a scanning step of scanning a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;</u>

an index input step of <u>analyzing the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and</u> inputting the specific index <u>corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code;</u> and

a selecting step of selecting the application data, but not the print data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the print data, but not the application data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said printing step is designated by said designation step; and

a control step of controlling said transmitting step to transmit the application data when the application data is selected by said selecting step and controlling said printing step to ~~perform~~ print ~~processing~~ an image on a sheet based on the print data when the print data is selected by said selecting step.

10. (Currently Amended) A program which causes a computer to execute:

a first input step of inputting application data created by predetermined application software,

a second input step of inputting print data, to which the application data is converted, wherein the print data is image data of a predetermined format,

a registration step of registering <u>both</u> the application data and print data <u>generated from the application data</u> in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the application data and print data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually,

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus,

a printing step of ~~performing print~~ ~~processing~~ <u>printing an image on a sheet</u> based on data,

a designation step of designating said transmitting step or said printing step as an output method of data,

<u>a scanning step of scanning a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;</u>

an index input step <u>analyzing the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and</u> of inputting the specific index <u>corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code,</u> and

a selecting step of selecting the application data, but not the print data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the print data, but not the application data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said printing step is designated by said designation step, and

a control step of controlling said transmitting step to transmit the application data when the application data is selected by said selecting step and controlling said printing step to ~~perform~~ print ~~processing~~ an image on a sheet based on the print data when the print data is selected by said selecting step.

11. (Currently Amended) A program stored on a computer-readable medium, said program including code for causing a computer to execute image processing steps comprising:

a first input step of inputting application data created by predetermined application software,

a second input step of inputting print data, to which the application data is converted, wherein the print data is image data of a predetermined format,

a registration step of registering both the application data and print data generated from the application data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the application data and print data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually,

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus,

a printing step of ~~performing print processing~~ <u>printing an image on a sheet</u> based on <u>the print</u> data,

a designation step of designating said transmitting step or said printing step as an output method of data,

<u>a scanning step of scanning a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;</u>

an index input step of <u>analyzing the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and</u> inputting the specific index <u>corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code</u>, and

a selecting step of selecting the application data, but not the print data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the print data, but not the application data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said printing step is designated by said designation step, and

a control step of controlling said transmitting step to transmit the application data when the application data is selected by said selecting step and controlling said printing step to ~~perform~~ print ~~processing~~ <u>an image on a sheet</u> based on the print data when the print data is selected by said selecting step.

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